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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on April 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 390, 3/29/2017; HB 631, 4/05/2017
Executive Action: HB 376, Be Tabled

00:00:03 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 376

00:01:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 376 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel and Sen. K. Regier voting no. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:02:34 Recess

00:12:43 Reconvene

00:12:49 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:21 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 390, Generally revise school funding laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:07 Siri Smillie, education policy advisor, Governor's Office (GOV)

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00:20:27 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

00:25:40 Jeff Crews, Woodman School

00:29:11 John Bemis, CenturyLink

00:34:05 Mark Baker, Charter Communications

00:35:57 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association

00:36:58 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:40:50 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers

00:41:46 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:43:56 Jennifer Olson, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

00:44:25 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:51 Sen. McClafferty

00:45:20 Ms. Smillie, GOV

00:46:26 Ms. Olson, COM

00:47:41 Sen. McClafferty

00:47:54 Ms. Olson

00:48:40 Sen. Facey

00:50:09 Ms. Olson
00:50:32 Ms. Smillie
00:51:25 Sen. Facey
00:54:11 Mr. Feiss, MTA
00:54:55 Chair Salomon
00:58:15 Mr. Bailey, OPI
00:58:41 Chair Salomon
00:58:45 Sen. Facey
00:59:01 Chair Salomon
00:59:26 Mr. Miller, SAM

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:03 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 631

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:26 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 631, Provide student loan forgiveness for new farmers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:01 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:11:40 Kori Anderson, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana CattleWomen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:13 Sen. Tempel
01:16:34 Ms. Cargill, MFBF
01:21:32 Rep. Brown
01:22:27 Sen. Blasdel
01:23:20 Rep. Brown
01:24:13 Sen. Facey
01:25:30 Rep. Brown
01:26:01 Chair Salomon
01:27:18 Rep. Brown
01:27:27 Sen. Facey
01:27:38 Rep. Brown
01:27:42 Sen. Blasdel
01:28:01 Rep. Brown
01:28:17 Chair Salomon
01:30:22 Rep. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:49 Rep. Brown

01:32:01 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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